

Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
Application No. 10/686,633
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REMARKS

- (1) Claims 1, 2, 9-11, 13-15, 17, 19, and 20 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended. No new claims have been added in this Response.
- (2) Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner about the telephone discussion on July 16, 2008. The following remarks include applicants' separate record of the substance of that discussion.
- (3) In the outstanding Office Action dated May 14, 2008, the Examiner finally rejects the claims by the following reasons:
- (i) Claims 1, 2, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yokota et al. in view of Takagi. §3 of the outstanding Office Action.
 - (ii) Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yokota et al. in view of Takagi in view of Wakabayashi et al. §4 of the outstanding Office Action.
 - (iii) Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yokota et al. in view of Takagi in view of Kikuchi. §5 of the outstanding Office Action.
 - (iv) Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yokota et al. in view of Takagi in view of Orbach et al. §6 of the outstanding Office Action.
 - (v) Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yokota et al. in view of Takagi in view of Chigira. §7 of the outstanding Office Action.

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(4) In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2008, the Applicants filed a Response on June 18, 2008. In response, the Advisory Action dated July 11, 2008 was mailed. The Examiner still maintains the rejection, stating that “even though boards 30 and 31 of Takagi are connected to each other via an adhesive, they are still separately located as claimed.” Page 2 of the Advisory Action. In the telephone discussion with the Examiner on July 16, 2008, the Applicants’ representative showed a proposed amendment as made in this Response. The Examiner agreed that such amendment should overcome the Takagi reference.

Figs. 3A and 3B of the present application illustrate that the circuit board 13, that is, an electronic circuit board mounting a circuit for processing image pickup signal of the image pickup device, does not physically contact the main board 15. On the contrary, the boards 30 and 31 of Takagi are physically connected to each other via an adhesive.

As argued in the Response filed on June 18, 2008, the structure recited in claim 1 prevents the noise generated in processing the image pickup signal from adversely affecting the main board. In contrast, Takagi teaches two circuit boards 30, 31 integrally bonded or united by the adhesive 9 (paragraph 0096). Because of uniting the circuit boards 30, 31, the noise generated in one adversely affects the other. Moreover, unless the circuit boards 30, 31 are integrally bonded or united by the adhesive 9, the circuit boards 30, 31 cannot be functionally connected by the wire 4, thereby depriving of the operability of the invention of Takagi disclosed

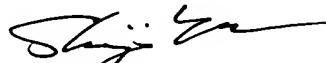
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in Fig. 11. The teaching by Takagi is different from the invention recited in claim 1. None of the cited references discloses or suggests the features of claim 1.

(5) In view of above, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date. If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case. If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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